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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Marlene H. Dortch, Esq.
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 03-15
KCTV-DT, Kansas City, Missouri (Facility ID No. 41230)
FCC File No. BMPCDT-20040715ADD
Request for Waiver of July 1, 2005 Replication/Maximization Deadline

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Meredith Corporation ("Meredith"), permittee of television station KCTV-DT (Kansas City, Missouri) (the "Station"), by its attorneys, hereby requests waiver of the Commission's July 1, 2005 replication/maximization interference protection deadline. Due to circumstances beyond its control, Meredith has been unable to implement its full maximization facilities for the Station (See FCC File No. BMPCDT-20040715ADD).

In its *Second DTV Periodic Review Report and Order*,¹ the Commission adopted a July 1, 2005 replication/maximization interference protection deadline for DTV licensees affiliated with the top-four networks in the top 100-ranked designated market areas. If a station subject to this deadline had not completed construction of its replication or maximization facilities by this date it would lose interference protection to the unserved area. The Commission further stated that, in cases where a station was unable to meet the applicable deadline due to "circumstances beyond a station's control," the Commission would "establish a limited waiver process and grant extensions of the applicable replication or maximization interference protection deadline on a six-month basis if good cause is shown."² To receive such a waiver, broadcasters were required to make a showing "similar to that required to obtain a waiver of the DTV construction deadlines."

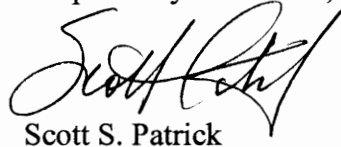
¹ Second Periodic Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion to Digital Television, *Report and Order*, 19 FCC Rcd 18279 (rel. Sept. 7, 2004).

² *Id.* at ¶ 87. See also *Public Notice*, DTV Channel Election Issues – Compliance with the July 1, 2005 Replication Maximization Interference Protection deadline; Stations Seeking Extension of the Deadline, DA 05-1636 (rel. June 15, 2005).

Meredith has been unable to implement its full maximization facilities for KCTV-DT due to reasons beyond its control. Specifically, National Tank & Tower Co., Inc. ("NT&T"), the contractor employed by Meredith to install the Station's permanent DTV antenna and transmission line, has informed Meredith that it will be unable to complete its installation before July 1, 2005 as had been promised. As the attached letter explains, although Meredith was initially informed by NT&T that it would complete installation of the Station's DTV equipment in time for full power operations to commence by July 1, changes in crew composition and inclement weather have forced NT&T to modify its expected completion date for this installation to July 15, 2005. Meredith, in cooperation with NT&T, continues to work diligently to complete all necessary modifications to enable the Station to commence full power operations as soon as possible. Meredith anticipates that it will complete installation and testing no later than July 22, 2005.

Based on the foregoing, Meredith believes that it has shown good cause for the Commission to grant a waiver of the maximization/replication deadline for the Station. Accordingly, Meredith respectfully requests that the Commission grant a twenty-one day waiver of the interference protection deadline for KCTV-DT through and until July 22, 2005, when construction is expected to be completed.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Patrick", written over a horizontal line.

Scott S. Patrick

Enclosure
cc (w/encl.): Shaun Maher (FCC)

ATTACHMENT

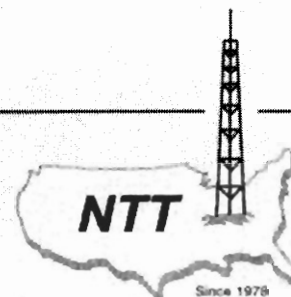
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June 28, 2005

Mr. Joe Snelson
Vice President and Director of Engineering
Meredith Corporation, Broadcasting Group
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Dear Mr. Snelson:

I must report that we will be unable to meet our obligations to complete installation of digital facilities for KCTV, Kansas City, before July 1, 2005. You have engaged us as a contractor to install the transmission line and mount and install KCTV's permanent digital broadcasting antenna on its tower, in order to maximize its digital signal. When our company was engaged, we informed KCTV that we could complete this work before July 1, 2005.

Due to changes in our crew composition and inclement weather we will not be able to complete our work for KCTV, despite our best efforts and the best efforts of the station's management. We will continue diligently to finish the hanging of the transmission line and to raise and install the digital antenna.

Our crew foreman has informed our company's management that, barring weather issues, he expects the installation of the transmission line and antenna to be completed by July 15, 2005.

We apologize for the inconvenience and concern caused by our inability to meet our anticipated completion date.

Sincerely,

Mark G. Walker
Project Manager
National Tank & Tower